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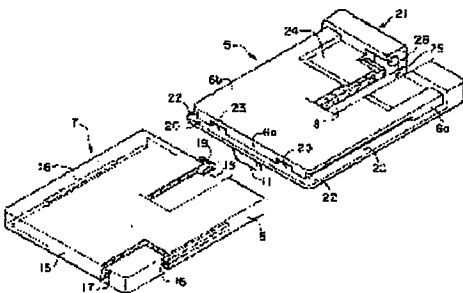
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(54) COSMETIC CONTAINER

(57)Abstract:
PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a cosmetic container capable of meeting a request to prevent a decorated part from being partly peeled off or falling off a container body or a lid body, and capable of enhancing the flexibility to allow a purchaser to select the outer appearance as the purchaser likes.

SOLUTION: The cosmetic container comprises the container body and the lid body 6 for opening/closing the container body. The cosmetic container also has an elastically deformable interchangeable cover 7 mounted and superposed on the lid body to cover the lid body, a slide engagement part consisting of a sliding rib 16 and a sliding groove 22 mounted between the lid body and the interchangeable cover to slidably engage the interchangeable cover with the lid body, a lock part consisting of a lock piece 18 and a lock projection 26 mounted between the lid body and the interchangeable cover to lock the slid interchangeable cover on the lid body, and a recess part 24 mounted on the lid body for allowing the elastic deformation of the interchangeable cover to detach the replaceable cover from the lock part.



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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1]

In the cosmetics container which has a body of a container, and the lid which open and close this,

Covering for exchange with which covers these to either, is made to put each other on it exchangeable, and it is equipped at least and in which the elastic deformation of the above-mentioned lid and the above-mentioned body of a container is possible, The slide engagement section which it is prepared [section] between the above-mentioned lid or the above-mentioned body of a container, and the above-mentioned covering for exchange, and makes this covering for exchange engage with these lids or the body of a container free [a slide]. The stop section which stops this covering for exchange that is prepared between the above-mentioned lid or the above-mentioned body of a container, and the above-mentioned covering for exchange, and is slid to the lid concerned or the body of a container. The cosmetics container characterized by having the hollow section which permits the elastic deformation of this covering for exchange in order to be prepared in the above-mentioned lid or the above-mentioned body of a container and to make the above-mentioned covering for exchange secede from the above-mentioned stop section.

[Claim 2]

The cosmetics container according to claim 1 characterized by preparing the attaching part which holds this covering for exchange on the lid concerned or the body of a container between said lid or said body of a container, and said covering for exchange.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[Field of the Invention]

This invention relates to the cosmetics container which can raise the degree of freedom as which it can respond to the request that that it is also partial separates and a decoration part falls out neither from the body of a container, nor a lid, and a purchaser can choose an appearance again according to liking.

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art]

Generally, a cosmetics container is equipped with the body of a container which contains cosmetics, and the lid which opens this body of a container or is closed, and is constituted. And in order to raise the design nature to the body of these containers and lid which make the appearance of a cosmetics container, decoration is given by various approaches from the former. For example, and the pattern etc. was attached upwards using the imprint sheet, transparency and a translucent layer are piled [an alphabetic character a pattern, etc. are imprinted, or] up, and it is made to ornament at the body of a container, or a lid. [that sputtering etc. performs surface treatment]

[0003]

In addition, the applicant for this patent has applied for the application for patent 2001-249000 as related precedence application.

[0004]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention]

By the way, it is the purpose of offering the cosmetics container as a product in the high quality which is full of a high-class feeling if it is in the conventional cosmetics container. that it is also partial separates and a decoration part falls out neither from the body of a container, nor a lid — as — the above — even if it was in which decoration approach, separation impossible had mutually the request that it had to form in one so that a decoration part might become really indivisible to the body of a container, or a lid.

[0005]

Such a request meant that the appearance of a cosmetics container was limited to the design which the producer selected on the other hand, and the purchaser had barred enabling it to choose the design—appearance of a cosmetics container freely according to liking. For this reason, a purchaser cannot find the cosmetics container of the design included in mind, but is considered that this had become the cause of refrainment from buying.

[0006]

It aims at offering the cosmetics container which can raise the degree of freedom as which this invention can be originated in view of the above-mentioned conventional technical problem, and it can respond to the request that that it is also partial separates and a decoration part falls out neither from the body of a container, nor a lid, and a purchaser can choose an appearance again according to liking.

[0007]

[Means for Solving the Problem]

In the cosmetics container with which the cosmetics container concerning this invention has a body of a container, and the lid which open and close this Covering for exchange with which covers these to either, is made to put each other on it exchangeable, and it is equipped at least and in which the elastic deformation of the above-mentioned lid and the above-mentioned body of a container is possible. The slide engagement section which it is prepared [section] between the above-mentioned lid or the above-mentioned body of a container, and the above-mentioned covering for exchange, and makes this covering for exchange engage with these lids or the body of a container free [a slide]. The stop section which stops this covering for exchange that is prepared between the above-mentioned lid or the above-mentioned body of a container, and the above-mentioned covering for exchange, and is slid to the lid concerned or the body of a container. In order to be prepared in the above-mentioned lid or the above-mentioned body of a container and to make the above-mentioned covering for exchange secede from the above-mentioned stop section, it is characterized by having the hollow section which permits the elastic deformation of this covering for exchange. It becomes possible to raise the degree of freedom as which it can respond to the request that that it is also partial separates and a decoration part falls out neither from the body of a container, nor a lid by this, and a purchaser can choose an appearance again according to liking.

[0008]

Moreover, it is characterized by preparing the attaching part which holds this covering for exchange on the lid concerned or the body of a container between said lid or said body of a container, and said covering for exchange. It enables this to hold firmly covering for exchange which is stopped by a lid or the body of a container and which can be slid to a lid fixed.

[0009]

[Embodiment of the Invention]

Below, 1 suitable operation gestalt of the cosmetics container concerning this invention is explained with reference to an accompanying drawing at a detail. The dishd body 3 of the container made of synthetic resin with which the receipt crevice 2 was formed as the cosmetics container 1 concerning this operation gestalt was shown in drawing 1 - drawing 5. While connecting with the body 3 order die-length direction back end of a container free [the rotation to the vertical direction] through a hinge 4 and opening and closing the body 3 of a container The lid 6 made of the synthetic resin of the shape of a board which engages with the front end of the body 3 of a container free [engaging and releasing] through hook 5, and maintains the closedown condition of the body 3 of a container concerned. If it is in either, and the example of illustration even if there are few lids 6 and bodies 3 of a container, you make it put each other on a lid 6 free [attachment and detachment], and it is equipped, and a lid 6 mainly consists of coverings 7 for exchange made of the synthetic resin of the shape of a board in which wrap elastic deformation is possible exchangeable.

[0010]

The quality of the material of the covering 7 for exchange may be not only the product made of synthetic resin but metal. Moreover, the covering 7 for exchange covers the body 3 of a container, and may be prepared, and may be prepared for the both sides of a lid 6 and the body 3 of a container. If it is in the example of illustration, although, as for the covering 7 for exchange, the flat-surface appearance profile is formed in the body 3 of these containers, the lid 6, and the list in the shape of a rectangle, you may be the shape of a polygon, and a circle configuration.

[0011]

Hook 5 consists of projection 10 for a hook which protruded in the hollow 9 formed in the front end of the body 3 of a container, and a piece 11 of a hook which hangs from the front end of a lid 6 and engages with the projection 10 for a hook free [engaging and releasing]. Moreover, a hinge 4 consists of that the hinge block 13 made to hang from the back end of a lid 6 is put, cover the piece 12 of a hinge from these hinge blocks 13, and a hinge pin 14 is inserted crosswise [of the body 3 of a container / right-and-left] between the pieces 12 of a hinge by which the pair protrusion was carried out from the back end of the body 3 of a container.

[0012] If the cosmetics container 1 and this operation gestalt have the covering 7 for exchange, what various kinds of various decoration was given is prepared so that a purchaser can choose the design-appearance of a lid 6 freely according to liking. The decoration part given to the covering 7 for these exchange is really formed in separation impossible in one indivisible by the approach of general common knowledge to the covering 7 for exchange so that that it is also partial may separate and it may not drop out.

[0013] If it furthermore explains to a detail, the covering 7 for exchange will be made to hang toward a lid 6 except for the back end from the periphery, and the suspension section 15 will be formed. Are considerable die length, and the suspension section 15 of the pair of the right-and-left cross direction of the covering 7 for exchange is made to project inside along with the cross direction of the covering 7 for exchange among the suspension sections 15, respectively, and the rib 16 for a slide is formed. Separate spacing suitably crosswise [of the covering 7 for exchange], and it is made to project inside in the suspension section 15 of the covering 7 front end for exchange, and two maintenance projections 17 are formed in it.

[0014] Moreover, the covering 7 for exchange is made to project from the back end to back, and the piece 18 of a stop is formed in it. The upward heights 19 are formed at the tip of the piece 18 of a stop. And the covering 7 for exchange has come to be fully able to carry out elastic deformation of the back end circumference equipped with the piece 18 of a stop toward a lid 6 by the front end and the suspension section 15 on either side.

[0015] On the other hand, except for the back end, the lid 6 formed in tabular by considerable thickness is made to project from the peripheral-wall 6a lower limit to the method of the outside of horizontal, and the flange 20 in which the suspension section 15 of the covering 7 for exchange is laid is formed in it. Moreover, the bulge section 21 which projects upwards from top-face 6b of a lid 6 over the flange 20 on either side crosswise [of a lid 6] is formed in the back end of a lid 6, and the back end of the covering 7 for exchange is contacted by this bulge section 21. Similarly, the suspension section 15 of the covering 7 front end for exchange is contacted by peripheral-wall 6a of the lid 6 front end.

[0016] To peripheral-wall 6a of the pair of the right-and-left cross direction of a lid 6, among peripheral-wall 6a, respectively Are considerable die length, and it is made to become depressed inside toward the back from the front end of a lid 6, and the slot 22 for a slide where the rib 16 for a slide is inserted free [insert and remove] is formed. With the slot 22 for these slides, and the rib 16 for a slide The slide engagement section which makes the covering 7 for exchange engaged free [a slide] to a lid 6 between a lid 6 and the covering 7 for exchange is prepared. And the rib 16 for a slide is inserted in the slot 22 for a slide from the front end of a lid 6, and is slid to the cross direction of a lid 6. The rib 16 for these slides and the slot 22 for a slide are mutually engaged in the vertical direction possible [the slide to a cross direction] impossible [pulling out] with the relation between an external corner and an internal corner by which angle attachment was carried out.

[0017] Moreover, the maintenance projection 17 of the covering 7 for exchange and a corresponding part are hollowed to the inside, the retention groove 23 in which the maintenance projection 17 concerned is inserted free [insert and remove] is formed in them, and the attaching part which holds the covering 7 for exchange to a lid 6 between a lid 6 and the covering 7 for exchange is prepared in them by these retention groove 23 and the maintenance projection 17 at peripheral-wall 6a of the lid 6 front end. Even if it is in these maintenance projection 17 and the retention groove 23, it is mutually engaged in the vertical direction free [engaging and releasing to a cross direction] impossible [pulling out] with the relation between an external corner and an internal corner by which angle attachment was carried out. And the maintenance projection 17 engages with the retention groove 23 free [engaging and releasing] according to the suspension section

15 of the covering 7 front end for exchange being contacted by peripheral-wall 6a of the lid 6 front end.

[0018] Furthermore, while becoming depressed in the bulge section 21 side of the top-face 6b which faces the covering 7 for exchange and forming the section 24, it migrates to the crosswise center section of the hinge block 13 from the lower limit at the bulge section 21, and the fluting 25 which leaves tooth-back section 13a of the hinge block 13 concerned, and is opened for free passage by single string with the hollow section 24 is formed in a lid 6. And it is made to project downward in the upper limit of the fluting 25 wide opened toward the hollow section 24 from the top face of the bulge section 21, the stop projection 26 is formed in it, and the stop section which stops the covering 7 for exchange concerned slid between a lid 6 and the covering 7 for exchange by these stop projection 26 and the above-mentioned piece 18 of a stop to a lid 6 is prepared in it.

[0019] If it is in the heights 19 of these stop projection 26 and the piece 18 of a stop, it engages with the cross direction which is the slide direction of the covering 7 for exchange free [engaging and releasing in the vertical direction] impossible [pulling out] with the relation between an external corner and an internal corner by which angle attachment was carried out mutually. And according to the covering 7 back end for exchange being contacted by the bulge section 21 of the lid 6 back end, the heights 19 are hidden from under the stop projection 26, and the piece 18 of a stop is stopped. And in order that it may become depressed further and the section 24 may make the covering 7 for exchange secede from the stop projection 26, a tooth space S is formed between the covering 7 for exchange and a lid 6, and the elastic deformation by depression of the covering 7 for exchange concerned is permitted.

[0020] If an operation of the cosmetics container 1 concerning this operation gestalt is explained, in case the purchaser who purchased the cosmetics container 1 will exchange for the new covering 7 for exchange of other designs the covering 7 for exchange with which the lid 6 is equipped, elastic deformation of the back end part of the covering 7 for exchange located on the hollow section 24 is depressed and carried out first. Thus, by carrying out elastic deformation of the covering 7 for exchange, as shown in drawing 4, the piece 18 of a stop is caudal depressed rather than the stop projection 26, and the stop by the stop section breaks away by this.

[0021] The covering 7 for exchange is lengthened toward the front in this condition. If the covering 7 for exchange is lengthened, the rib 16 for a slide moves along the slot 22 for a slide, and as shown in drawing 5 in connection with this, while the piece 18 of a stop is extracted from the bulge section 21, the maintenance projection 17 will also secede from the retention groove 23, and, thereby, can remove the covering 7 for exchange from a lid 6.

[0022] Subsequently, in case a lid 6 is equipped with the new covering 7 for exchange, the rib 16 for a slide is fitted over the slot 22 for a slide from the front end of a lid 6, and the covering 7 for exchange is made to slide toward back. If the back end of the covering 7 for exchange reaches the bulge section 21, being accompanied by the elastic deformation of the covering 7 for exchange it is in the condition that the piece 18 of a stop will be hidden under the stop projection 26, and will be stopped, and the maintenance projection 17 will engage with this and coincidence at the retention groove 23, and the suspension section 15 of the covering 7 for exchange was laid on the flange 20 of a lid 6 with this. The back end of the covering 7 for exchange and the front end of the suspension section 15 are contacted with the bulge section 21 of a lid 6, and the peripheral-wall 6a front end, and, thereby, a lid 6 can be piled up and equipped with the covering 7 for exchange.

[0023] If it is in the cosmetics container 1 concerning this operation gestalt as explained above The covering 7 for exchange with which covers this to a lid 6, is made to put each other on it exchangeable, and it is equipped and in which elastic deformation is possible. The slide

engagement section which it is prepared [section] between a lid 6 and the covering 7 for exchange, and makes the covering 7 for exchange engage with a lid 6 free [a slide] and which consists of a rib 16 for a slide, and a slot 22 for a slide. The stop section which is prepared between a lid 6 and the covering 7 for exchange, and stops the covering 7 for exchange slid to the lid 6 concerned and which consists of a piece 18 of a stop, and stop projection 26. Since it had the hollow section 24 which permits the elastic deformation of the covering 7 for exchange in order to be prepared in a lid 6 and to make the covering 7 for exchange secede from the stop section can exchange the covering 7 for exchange and the appearance of the cosmetics container 1 is limited to the design which the producer selected — there is nothing — as the cosmetics container 1 — a purchaser — liking — responding — an appearance — a degree of freedom — it shall choose highly and, thereby, attractiveness to consumers shall be raised [0024]

Moreover, as covering 7 for exchange, like the conventional lid etc., that it is also partial separates, and a decoration part does not fall out from the covering 7 for exchange, and the cosmetics container 1 as a product can be offered in the high quality which is full of a high-class feeling without the former and inferiority that what is necessary is just to form the decoration part of each other in separation impossible in one really indivisible therefore.

[0025] Moreover, description actuation of the covering 7 for exchange can be easily performed only mainly by the slide actuation of the slide engagement section which consists of a rib 16 for a slide, and a slot 22 for a slide. Moreover, since the attaching part which holds the covering 7 for exchange to the lid 6 concerned and which consists of maintenance projection 17 and retention groove 23 was prepared between a lid 6 and the covering 7 for exchange, the covering 7 for exchange which can be slid freely can be firmly held to a lid 6 fixed. Furthermore, with the slot 22 for a slide, and the rib 16 for a slide, slide actuation of a lid 6 and the covering 7 for exchange can be guided, and the stable operability can be secured.

[0026] Moreover, since the hollow section 24 which permits the elastic deformation was formed in the lid 6 while forming the covering 7 for exchange possible [elastic deformation], engaging-and-releasing actuation of the piece 18 of a stop to the stop projection 26 can be easy-sized.

Moreover, since the stop projection 26 and the piece 18 of a stop were made to engage with pulling-out impossible in the slide direction with the relation between an external corner and an internal corner, when it can fix the covering 7 for exchange to a lid 6 firmly also from this configuration and the impact by fall etc. acts on the cosmetics container 1, the covering 7 for exchange can prevent dropping out simply.

[0027] By the way, what is necessary is to make it hang from the covering 7 for exchange, to form a slide protruding line, and just to constitute the slide engagement section, while forming a slide concave in top-face 6b of a lid 6, when the flat-surface appearance profile of the covering 7 for exchange is made into the shape of a polygon, or a circle configuration at the body 3 of a container, a lid 6, and a list.

[0028] What is necessary is to make the slide engagement section, the stop section, and an attaching part prepare between the body 3 of a container, and the covering 7 for exchange, and just to make it the hollow section 24 prepare to the body 3 of a container, although this was explained to the lid 6 taking the case of the case where the covering 7 for wrap exchange is formed enabling free attachment and detachment, exchangeable if it was in this operation gestalt mentioned above, in forming the covering 7 for exchange in the body 3 of a container.

[0029] Furthermore, although the cosmetics container 1 equipped with the hinge 4 or the hook 5 was illustrated and explained if it was in this operation gestalt, of course, you may apply to the various containers of the type which detaches and attaches a lid 6 according to screw structure or path fitting structure not only to this but to the body 3 of a container.

[0030]

[Effect of the Invention] Above, in short, if it is in the cosmetics container concerning this invention, the degree of freedom as which it can respond to the request that that it is also partial separates and a decoration part falls out neither from the body of a container nor a lid, and a purchaser can choose an appearance again according to liking can be raised.

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- 1 Cosmetics Container 3 Body of Container
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【課題を解決するための手段】

本発明にかかる化粧料容器は、容器本体とこれを開閉する蓋体とを有する化粧料容器において、上記蓋体および上記容器本体の少なくともいずれか一方に、これらを覆って交換可能に重ね合わせて装着される弾性変形可能な交換用カバーと、上記蓋体もしくは上記容器本体と上記交換用カバーとの間に設けられ、これら蓋体もしくは容器本体に該交換用カバーをスライド自在に係合させるスライド係合部と、上記蓋体もしくは上記容器本体と上記交換用カバーとの間に設けられ、当該蓋体もしくは容器本体に、スライドされる該交換用カバーを係止する係止部と、上記蓋体もしくは上記容器本体に設けられ、上記交換用カバーを上記係止部から離脱させるために該交換用カバーの弾性変形を許容する弾み部とを備えたことを特徴とする。これにより、加飾部分が容器本体や蓋体から部分的にでも剥がれたり、また脱落したりすることがないという要請に応えることができ、かつまた購買者が好みに応じて外觀を選ぶことができる自由度を高めることが可能となる。

【0008】

また、前記蓋体もしくは前記容器本体と前記交換用カバーとの間には、該交換用カバーを当該蓋体もしくは容器本体に保持する保持部が設けられていることを特徴とする。これにより、蓋体もしくは容器本体に係止されるスライド自在な交換用カバーを固定的にしつかりと蓋体に保持することが可能となる。

【0009】

【発明の実施の形態】

以下に、本発明にかかる化粧料容器の好適な一実施形態を、添付図面を参照して詳細に説明する。本実施形態にかかる化粧料容器１は図１～図５に示すように、収納部２が形成された血状の合成樹脂製の容器本体３と、容器本体３の前後長さ方向後端にヒンジ４を介して上下方向へ自動自在に連結されて容器本体３を開閉するとともに、容器本体３の前端にフック５を介して係脱口６に係合されて当該容器本体３の閉止状態を維持する板状の合成樹脂製の蓋体６と、蓋体６および容器本体３の少なくともいずれか一方、図示例にあっては蓋体６に着脱自在に重ね合わせて装着され、交換可能に蓋体６を覆う弾性変形可能な板状の合成樹脂製の交換用カバー７とから主に構成される。

【0010】

交換用カバー７の材質は合成樹脂製に限らず、金属製であってもよい。また、交換用カバー７は容器本体３を覆って設けられてもよく、また蓋体６および容器本体３の双方に設けられてもよい。図示例にあっては、これら容器本体３、蓋体６、並びに交換用カバー７は平面外形輪郭が矩形状に形成されているけれども、多角形状や円形状であってもよい。蓋体６の裏面には、縁８が取り付けられている。

【0011】

フック５は、容器本体３の前端に形成された凹所９内に突起されたフック用突起１０と、蓋体６の前端から垂下されてフック用突起１０に係脱自在に係合されるフック片１１とから構成される。またヒンジ４は、容器本体３の後端から一方突起されたヒンジ片１２間に、蓋体６の後端から垂下させたヒンジフック１３が採み込まれ、これらヒンジフック１３からヒンジ片１２にわたって、容器本体３の左右幅方向にヒンジ１４が挿入されることで構成される。

【0012】

交換用カバー７は、化粧料容器１、本実施形態にあっては蓋体６の近似的な外觀を購買者が好みに応じて自由に選べるように、各種のさまざまな加飾が施されたものが用意されるようになっている。これら交換用カバー７に施される加飾部分は、部分的にでも剥がれたり、また脱落したりすることがないように、交換用カバー７に対し、一般周知の方法によって一体不可分に分離不能に一体的に形成される。

【0013】

さらに詳細に説明すると、交換用カバー７は、後端を除いて、その周縁から蓋体６に向かって垂下させて垂下部１５が形成される。垂下部１５のうち、交換用カバー７の左右幅方向の一方の垂下部１５にはそれぞれ、交換用カバー７の前後方向に沿って相当の長さで

つ内側に突出させて、スライド用リブ１６が形成される。交換用カバー７前端的垂下部１５には、交換用カバー７の幅方向に適宜間隔を隔ててかつ内側に突出させて、２つの保持突起１７が形成される。

【0014】

また交換用カバー７には、その後端から後方へ突出させて、係止片１８が形成される。係止片１８の先端には、上向き凸部１９が形成される。そして交換用カバー７は、前端的および左下の垂下部１５によって、係止片１８を備えた後端周辺が蓋体６に向かって十分に弾性変形できるようにになっている。

【0015】

他方、相当の厚さで板状に形成された蓋体６には、後端を除いて、その外周壁６ａ下端から水平方向外方へ突出させて、交換用カバー７の垂下部１５が載置される唇部２０が形成される。また蓋体６の後端には、蓋体６の幅方向へ左右の唇部２０間にわたって、蓋体６の上面６ｂから上方へ突出する膨出部２１が形成され、この膨出部２１には交換用カバー７の後端が当接されるようになっている。同様にして、蓋体６前端的の外周壁６ａには、交換用カバー７前端的垂下部１５が当接されるようになっている。

【0016】

外周壁６ａのうち、蓋体６の左右幅方向の一方の外周壁６ａにはそれぞれ、蓋体６の前端から後方へ向かって相当の長さでかつ内側に縮ませて、スライド用リブ１６が挿脱自在に挿入されるスライド用溝２２が形成され、これらスライド用溝２２およびスライド用リブ１６によって、蓋体６と交換用カバー７との間に、蓋体６に対して交換用カバー７をスライド自在に係合させるスライド係合部が設けられるようになっている。そしてスライド用リブ１６は、蓋体６の前端からスライド用溝２２に挿入されて、蓋体６の後方方向にスライドされる。これらスライド用リブ１６とスライド用溝２２とは、上下方向に互いに嵌脱不能にかつ前後方向へスライド可能に、角付けされた山側と入側の関係をもって係合される。

【0017】

また蓋体６前端的の外周壁６ａには、交換用カバー７の保持突起１７と対応する箇所、内側へ縮ませて、当該保持突起１７が挿脱自在に挿入される保持溝２３が形成され、これら保持溝２３と保持突起１７とによって、蓋体６と交換用カバー７との間に、交換用カバー７を蓋体６に保持する保持部が設けられるようになっている。これら保持突起１７と保持溝２３にあっても、上下方向に互いに嵌脱不能にかつ前後方向へ係脱自在に、角付けされた出隅と入隅の関係をもちて係合される。そして、保持突起１７は、交換用カバー７前端的垂下部１５が蓋体６前端的の外周壁６ａに当接されることに応じて、保持溝２３と係脱自在に係合される。

【0018】

さらに蓋体６には、交換用カバー７に面するその上面６ｂの膨出部２１側に弾み部２４が形成されるとともに、ヒンジフック１３の幅方向中央部にその下端から膨出部２１にわたって、当該ヒンジフック１３の背面部１３ａを焼して一連に、弾み部２４と連通される縦溝２５が形成される。そして弾み部２４に向かって開放された縦溝２５の上端には、膨出部２１の頂面から下向きに突出させて係止突起２６が設けられ、これら係止突起２６および上記係止片１８によって、蓋体６と交換用カバー７との間に、スライドされる当該交換用カバー７を蓋体６に係止する係止部が設けられるようになっている。

【0019】

これら係止突起２６と係止片１８の凸部１９にあっては、交換用カバー７のスライド方向である前後方向に互いに嵌脱不能にかつ上下方向に係脱自在に、角付けされた出隅と入隅の関係をもちて係合される。そして、係止片１８は、交換用カバー７後端から蓋体６後端の膨出部２１に当接されることに応じて、その凸部１９が係止突起２６の下から潜り込んで係止される。そしてさらに窪み部２４は、交換用カバー７を係止突起２６から離脱させるために、交換用カバー７と蓋体６との間にスベースを形成して当該交換用カバー７の押し下げによる弾性変形を許容するようになっている。

【00020】
本実施形態にかかると、化粧料容器1の作用について説明すると、化粧料容器1を購入した購買者が蓋体6に装着されている交換用カバ－7を、他のデザインの新たな交換用カバ－7に交換する際には、まず、締め部24上に位置する交換用カバ－7の後端部分を押し下げ、弾性変形させる。このように交換用カバ－7を弾性変形させることで、図4に示すように係止片18が係止突起26よりも下方に押し下げられ、これによって係止部による係止が離脱される。

【00021】
この状態で交換用カバ－7を前方に向かって引く。交換用カバ－7を引くと、スライド用溝22に沿ってスライド用リフ16が移動し、これに伴って図5に示すように係止片18が取出部21から抜き出されるとともに、保持突起17も保持溝23から離脱されることになり、これにより交換用カバ－7を蓋体6から取り外すことができる。

【00022】
次いで、新たな交換用カバ－7を蓋体6に装着する際には、蓋体6の前端からスライド用リフ16をスライド用溝22に差し込んで、交換用カバ－7を後方に向かってスライドさせる。交換用カバ－7の後端が取出部21に達すると、交換用カバ－7の弾性変形を伴いながら、係止片18は係止突起26の下に潜り込んで係止され、またこれと同時に保持溝23に保持突起17が係合されることになり、これとともに交換用カバ－7の垂下部15が蓋体6の取出部20上に載置された状態で、交換用カバ－7の後端および垂下部15の前端が蓋体6の垂合部21および外周壁6a前端と当接されて、これにより交換用カバ－7を蓋体6に重ね合わせて装着することができる。

【00023】
以上説明したように本実施形態にかかると、化粧料容器1にあっては、蓋体6にこれを覆って交換可能に重ね合わせて装着される弾性変形可能な交換用カバ－7と、蓋体6と交換用カバ－7との間に設けられ、蓋体6に交換用カバ－7をスライド自在に係合させる、スライド用リフ16とスライド用溝22からなるスライド係合部と、蓋体6と交換用カバ－7との間に設けられ、当該蓋体6に、スライドされる交換用カバ－7を係止する、係止片18と係止突起26とからなる係止部と、蓋体6に設けられ、交換用カバ－7を係止部から離脱させるために交換用カバ－7の弾性変形を許容する締め部24とを備えたので、交換用カバ－7を交換することができ、化粧料容器1の外観が生産者の選定したデザインに限定されることがなく、化粧料容器1として、購買者が好みに応じて外観を自由度高く選ぶことができる。

【00024】
また交換用カバ－7としては、従来と蓋体6と同様に、加飾部分を一体不可分に互いに分離不能に一体的に形成すればよく、従って加飾部分が交換用カバ－7から部分的にでも剥がれたり、また脱落したりすることがなく、製品としての化粧料容器1を、従来と遜色のない高級感溢れる高い品質で提供することができる。

【00025】
また主として、スライド用リフ16とスライド用溝22とからなるスライド係合部のスライド操作のみで簡単に交換用カバ－7の脱着操作を行うことができる。また、蓋体6と交換用カバ－7との間に、交換用カバ－7を当該蓋体6に保持する、保持突起17と保持溝23からなる保持部を設けたので、スライド自在な交換用カバ－7を同定的にしつかりと蓋体6に保持することができる。さらに、スライド用溝22とスライド用リフ16によって、蓋体6と交換用カバ－7のスライド操作を案内することができ、安定した操作性を確保することができる。

【00026】
また、交換用カバ－7を弾性変形可能に形成するとともに、その弾性変形を許容する締め部24を蓋体6に設けたので、係止突起26に対する係止片18の係脱操作を容易化することができる。また、係止突起26と係止片18とを出隅と人脚の関係をもってスライド方向に披脱不能に係合させたので、この構成からも交換用カバ－7を蓋体6にしつかりと

固定することができ、化粧料容器1に落下などによる衝撃が作用した場合に、交換用カバ－7が簡単に脱落してしまうことを防止できる。

【00027】
ところで、容器本体3、蓋体6、並びに交換用カバ－7の平面外形輪郭を多角形状や円形状とした場合には、例えば蓋体6の上面6bにスライド凹溝を形成するとともに、交換用カバ－7から垂下させてスライド凸条を形成するなどしてスライド係合部を構成すればよい。

【00028】
上述した本実施形態にあっては、蓋体6に交換可能にこれを覆う交換用カバ－7を着脱自在に設ける場合を例にとって説明したが、容器本体3に交換用カバ－7を設ける場合には、容器本体3と交換用カバ－7との間にスライド係合部や係止部、保持部を設けるようにし、また締め部24は容器本体3に設けるようにすればよい。

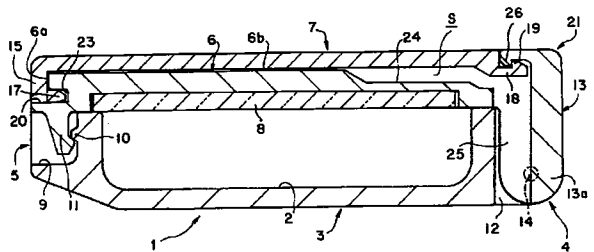
【00029】
さらに、本実施形態にあっては、ヒンジ4やフック5を備えた化粧料容器1を例示して説明したが、これに限らず、容器本体3に対してネジ構造や径嵌合構造によって蓋体6を着脱するタイプの各種容器に適用してもよいことはもちろんである。

【00030】
【発明の効果】
以上要するに、本発明にかかると、化粧料容器1にあっては、加飾部分が容器本体や蓋体から部分的にでも剥がれたり、また脱落したりすることがないという要請に応えることができ、かつまた購買者が好みに応じて外観を選ぶことができる自由度を高めることができる。

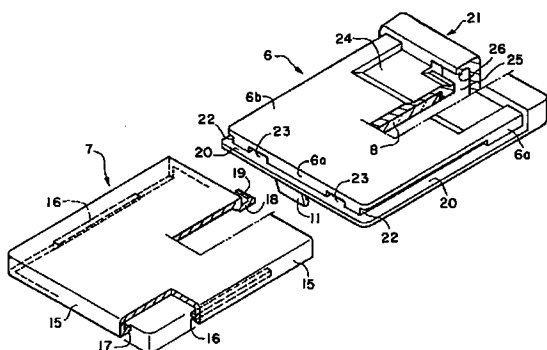
【図面の簡単な説明】
【図1】本発明にかかると、化粧料容器の好適な一実施形態を示す側断面図である。
【図2】図1の化粧料容器の蓋体6の一部破断分解斜視図である。
【図3】図1の化粧料容器の一部正面断面図である。
【図4】図1の化粧料容器の交換用カバ－7を弾性変形させて、係止部から離脱させた状態を示す要部拡大側断面図である。
【図5】図1の化粧料容器の交換用カバ－7をスライドさせて、取り外す過程を示す要部拡大側断面図である。

【符号の説明】
1 化粧料容器
3 容器本体
6 蓋体
7 交換用カバ－
16 スライド用リフ
17 保持突起
18 係止片
19 凹部
22 スライド用溝
23 保持溝
24 締め部
26 係止突起

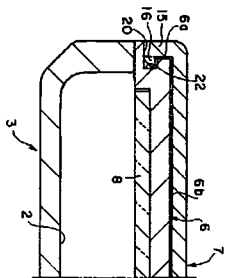
【図 1】



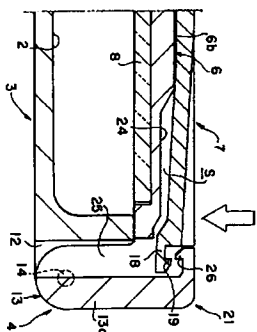
【図 2】



【図 3】



【図 4】



【図 5】

